



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchlivestream

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through Fridays, 10:30 am through 11:45 am.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** church@sfxstl.org

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to church@sfxstl.org by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact frtim@sfxstl.org with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at frtim@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on Zoom, Friday mornings at 9: Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

Reflection from Parishioner Sandy Spencer



Note: We will publish the "collective poem" submitted by a plethora of parishioners next week.

A Gray Mourning Dove on a Rainy Pentecost Morning

*The Holy Spirit is not white,
 She is gray.
 As gray Spirit, She is so
 quietly unobtrusive
 that Her gray comings and goings
 remain anonymous.*

*Breaking through clouds and
 hopeful in the dark.
 Spirit Mother is an 'at home Mystic'
 quietly tending to growth
 in all the world.*

*Where this gray Mother
 has touched
 there is all manner of promise.
 Deep cleaning rains
 bless new roots of
 courage, justice, wisdom and love.*

*Where She has been
 hidden sun comes to light
 nurtured by the
 pulsed vibration of a
 faithful, gray heart.*

*The gray Mother gently persists, knowing
 she is readying us for
 the harvest promise.*

*We who know the Holy Spirit
 is not white but gray,
 Stand free
 open and ready
 to be
 Rain-soaked on Pentecost.*

Pentecost Potluck Today!

Join us in the Ballroom after the 10:30 am Mass for our Pentecost Potluck. Please bring a reusable beverage container for drinks, if you can. We will also have washable College Church mugs.

Thank you to everyone who brought food and volunteered to serve!



RE and CGS 23-24 Class Registration

It's time to sign up for the RE & CGS programs for the 23-24 school year. Our registration deadline is tomorrow, May 15, 2023. Cost increases \$25/student for late registrations in August.

Please visit <https://sfxstl.org/yf-registration-confirmation> for more information and to register. Interested in being a Catechist or classroom assistant? Please contact Julie at julie@sfxstl.org or Jennifer at jennifer@sfxstl.org.

Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be this Sunday, May 28, at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or 314-393-8986 for questions or more information.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Due to our parish Pentecost Potluck on May 28th, the May meeting of our Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group is cancelled for the month. Our next meeting will be on our regular date and time, Sunday, June 25th at Noon in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Ann Steffen, 314-313-0158.

New from our Pastoral Care Commission: Dine out with Fellow Parishioners

Last fall, when we asked Senior parishioners to complete a survey sharing what they would like to see happen for Seniors, one of the items they suggested was getting together to dine after Mass. With our Speaker series behind us, we are going to begin this on June 10th and 11th.

Dine and enjoy gathering with fellow parishioners. This is for Senior Parishioners and any one who would like to join us. We have three options for our three weekend Masses:

Saturday evening, June 10 after the 5:15 Mass at Vito's (see below)

Sunday morning after the 8:00 Mass or 10:30 Mass at the Foundry (Enter the Foundry from Vandeventer, just next to the Firehouse, and meet at the entrance to the Food Court).

We will need RSVPs in order to know how many diners will be in our group.

To join the 8:00 Community, reply to Val Rutterer: vrutterer@gmail.com

To join the 10:30 Community reply to Tina Hillard: dthilliard@gmail.com or Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org or 314-313-0613

Spotlight on Seniors: A Patio/Supper Social

Sat., June 10, after 5:15 p.m. Mass

at

Vito's, 3515 Lindell Blvd

Questions, Reservations by June 6 to
jermann.rosemary@gmail.com or 314-320-7677

Step into summer in the friendly company of other senior parishioners!

Middle School Social Justice Camp

Parents of rising 6th, 7th, & 8th graders: Please register at this link for middle school social justice camp: <https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration>. We anticipate spots will fill up fast, so please register soon.

This year, Camp is based on the Beatitudes, specifically focusing on "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." leading us to experiential learning at food service agencies and food insecurity change-makers in STL. We are grateful for our coordinating team, College Church staff, along with college and high school students who will help us facilitate small groups of middle school campers and accompany us to our local sites. Please contact Jennifer@sfxstl.org with questions.



Where **faith** and **healing** unite

Glennon Sunday June 5

SSM Health
Cardinal **Glennon**
Children's Hospital.

Lavender,
Glennon Kid

When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opened its doors as the nation's first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, regardless of whether their parents could afford to pay. That promise still holds true today.

The generosity of the faithful made Cardinal Glennon a reality in 1956. Still today, the faithful uphold our Mission of faith-filled services: Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

College Church, please join us in helping make miracles possible by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 4-5, online at <https://glennonsunday.org/faith>. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

To donate online, SCAN HERE





Antiracism at College Church

At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively—to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice.

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

In 1979, Congress established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. On May 14, 1991, George H. W. Bush expanded that recognition by signing into law the first Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Continuing the celebration of Asian/Pacific Americans' contributions to society, this legislation also recognized significant dates within the month. May 7, 1843, marks the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States. On May 10, 1869, the transcontinental railway was completed—a feat largely accomplished through the work of Chinese immigrants.

As we honor the many contributions made by people of Asian/Pacific Island descent, it is important to note that this term, created in 1990 as part of the US census, represents numerous countries of origin, languages, and distinct cultures. This month we will highlight some of the individuals from these communities and the related events that enrich our nation and our Church.

Impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act

The Chinese Exclusion Act was a federal law enacted on May 6, 1882. It prohibited Chinese immigration and was the only U.S. law ever promulgated to prevent members of a specific nationality from immigrating to the U.S. Intended to last only 10 years, it was strengthened in 1892 and made permanent in 1902.

Background. Chinese immigrants first came to America during the Gold Rush of 1848 when gold was plentiful. As gold became harder to find animosity toward foreigners increased. Other Chinese workers immigrated for projects like building the transcontinental railroad. Eventually, they settled into enclaves, mainly in San Francisco, and took low-wage restaurant jobs and laundry work. Labor leaders began blaming Chinese workers for depressed wages. Public opinion resulted in laws limiting their work, behavior, and even living conditions. But Chinese immigrants provided cheap labor. When a labor strike was broken in 1870 using Chinese workers, it triggered widespread protest. Nearly a quarter of all wage-earners in California were Chinese and Congress felt compelled to ban further immigration from China.

United States vs. Wong Kim Ark. The Exclusion Act also placed restrictions on Chinese people already living here. If they left the U.S., they had to obtain certification

to re-enter. Wong Kim Ark was born in San Francisco but upon returning from a visit to China in 1895, immigration authorities denied his re-entry, citing Chinese exclusion laws that barred Asians from immigrating to the U.S. and from citizenship. Wong, however, asserted his right to enter his country. Birthright citizenship had been granted by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution passed after the Civil War. Intended for those of African descent, especially formerly enslaved African Americans, Wong Kim Ark contended that the new law applied to all races. His case went to the Supreme Court. In a landmark decision, the court ruled that through the 14th amendment Wong did acquire citizenship at birth, so the Chinese Exclusion Act did not apply to him, and he could enter the country.



Wong Kim Ark

The ruling upheld the principles of birthright citizenship and the universality of American national identity. Thus, anyone born on U.S. soil can be American regardless of their heritage or race. For Asian Americans this was a lifesaver because it allowed US-born Asian Americans, e.g., the children and grandchildren of immigrants, to have U.S. citizenship even though foreign-born Asians were barred from seeking citizenship through the naturalization process.

The Chinese Exclusion Act lasted until 1952. That's when Congress passed the Immigration and Nationality Act abolishing racial restrictions on U.S. citizenship forever. In 2011-2012, Congress condemned the Chinese Exclusion Act and unanimously affirmed a commitment to preserve civil rights and constitutional protections for all people.

Local Asian Americans in History

Author, Melody S. Gee: Melody Gee was born in Taiwan but grew up in California. She has degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of New Mexico. She has taught writing at Purdue University, Southwestern Illinois College, and St. Louis Community College. Gee has written three books of poetry; the latest, *The Convert's Heart is Good to Eat*, was published in 2022. She has also written for Commonweal Magazine, Essay Daily, Lantern Review,

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and The Academy of American Poets. Gee has received numerous awards, including an Artist Support Grant from the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis. She and her family attend St. Pius V Parish.

Business CEO, Shayn Prapaisilp: Shayn Prapaisilp was born and grew up in St. Louis. His parents were immigrants from Thailand. Like many young people he once moved away because St. Louis seemed like a dead end. However, the many high-ranking educational institutions and new professional opportunities have made the city desirable again. Nearly 22,000 Asians have moved into (or back to) the region during the last ten years. Prapaisilp works as CEO for his family's business which runs several international markets and restaurants including Jay International Food Corporation, and King & I Restaurant, both on South Grand. His family lives in the Tower Grove neighborhood.

Jewish American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage is celebrated in the month of May, so designated by President George W. Bush, in 2006, to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation. Jewish people were among the earliest European residents of North America. In 1654, fleeing persecution from Portugal, a group of 23 Jews arrived in New Amsterdam, now known as New York City. While seeking the same religious liberty as other settlers, they faced obstacles and restrictions. Peter Stuyvesant, the director general of the colony, tried to ban them, but after three years they were allowed to settle in Manhattan as long as they did not build a synagogue or run for public office. Although assured by George Washington in a letter to the Newport Hebrew Congregation that the United States gives "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance," Jewish people have had to campaign for equal rights and full inclusion in American society. It took 50 years of persistent advocacy from a coalition of Jews and Christians to overturn a Maryland law, passed in 1776, requiring public office holders to declare their belief in the Christian religion.

Between 1933 and 1945, approximately 125,000 Germans, most of them Jewish, immigrated to the United States. This country accepted more refugees fleeing Nazi Germany—most of whom were Jewish—than any other country in the world. But the United States also turned away Jewish refugees, most notably those traveling in 1939 on the ocean liner St. Louis, a quarter of whom later died during the Holocaust. Before the war, the U.S. State Department was slow to issue visas to German Jews and, after World War II began, strict quotas further limited

their immigration to the U.S. There was reluctance to receive immigrants who might become a public charge, as well as those who were thought to pose a national security threat. A small number of Eastern European Jews were allowed to enter the U.S. The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum in Creve Coeur is dedicated to keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive and to applying its lessons to fight hatred, promote human dignity, and stand up to injustice.

American Jews continue to be a target of discrimination and religious hate. According to Stand Up to Jewish Hate, a national campaign to combat antisemitism, Jews account for only 2.4% of the population of the United States, but are the victims of 55% of the religious hate crimes in the country.

As our parish works to dismantle racism within our hearts, our homes, and our institutions, it is necessary that we also work to end antisemitism and all other forms of oppression. For more information, please consult loc.gov/exhibits/haventohome/haven-haven.html, standuptojewishhate.org/, splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/antisemitism, stlholocaustmuseum.org/about-us/, and exhibitions.ushmm.org/americans-and-the-holocaust/how-many-refugees-came-to-the-united-states-from-1933-1945

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 17 at 9:00 am The second annual MAAFA Procession and Prayer Service, hosted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be held to commemorate the millions of lives lost during the middle Passage of the Atlantic Slave Trade. The event will begin with a prayer service at The Old Cathedral followed by a remembering ceremony at the south pond on the Arch grounds and a one-mile procession to St. John the Evangelist Church where participants will share a meal.

SFX Racial Justice Vigils

This year, the Racism and Reconciliation Committee will be organizing monthly racial justice vigils from 6-7pm on the front steps of College Church. The vigils will feature signs as testaments to our racial justice awareness, prayers, and silence. The next will be **Monday, June 19, 2023** - in coordination with the federal holiday of Juneteenth, established in 2021 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas.

After that, the vigil will be **Sunday, July 3, 2023** - to mark Independence Day on July 4th.

Dates for August, September, and October are to be decided. Hope you can join us! For more information, contact: jfmc676@gmail.com

Circle of Creation Green Corner



In case you missed it, an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* concerning recycling in the city of St. Louis: <https://tinyurl.com/stlnotrecycling>
Contamination in recycling is relevant to other areas besides the City.

St. Louis City Recycles suggests 5 Sustainable Lifestyle Changes that are doable: <https://stlcityrecycles.com/5-sustainable-lifestyle-changes-to-make-this-earth-day/>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology provides a short video: Bring Birds Back—Use Less Plastic: <https://youtu.be/F9AVRT2YQLk>

St. Louis Aquarium Foundation in collaboration with Great Rivers Greenway sponsors Revamping the Riverfront to prevent plastic pollution from entering the Mighty Mississippi and eventually, our oceans. Events coming up are on June 8, July 1, August 23, and September 25. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.stlaquariumfoundation.org/events/revamp-the-riverfront/>.

Save the Date: **Operation Clean Stream, August 26, 2023**

Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC): <https://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events>

June 3, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

373 Marshall Avenue

Webster Groves, MO, 63119

hosted by ICL Specialty Products

June 10, 8:00 AM to Noon

900 TR Hughes Boulevard

O'Fallon, MO, 63366

hosted by the City of O'Fallon

June 24, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Spanish Lake Community Association

11725 Bellefontaine Road

St. Louis, MO, 63138

hosted by Spanish Lake Community Association

July 15, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

359 Old Meramec Station Road

Manchester, MO 63021

hosted by City of Manchester

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation: <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

May 27-28, 2023

Saturday

5:15 pm

Fr. McMahon, SJ

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. Reale, SJ

Retreat and Spiritual Director

10:30 am

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This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel:

John 20:19-23

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. Or use this QR code.



Fair Trade Sales next week!

Support our sister parish in Belize by buying fair trade items after our Sunday Masses June 4th.